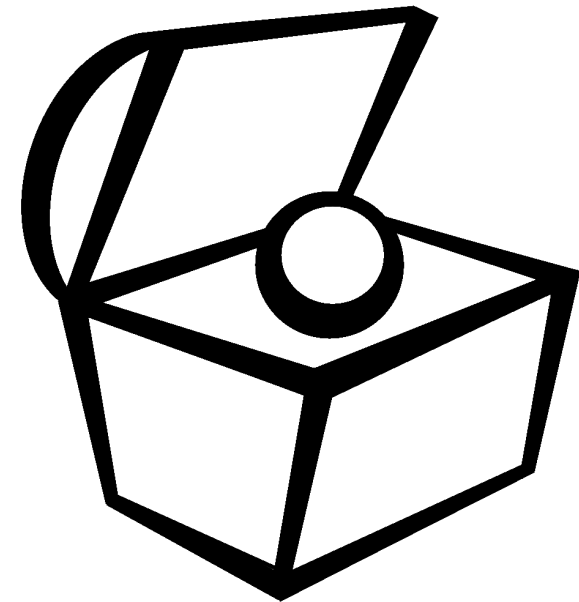


Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



Presider: Taylor Hauser **Accompanist:** Lynda Remling
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**9:00 am
Service**

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

July 26, 2026

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please rise.)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion
forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone. Uphold us
by your Spirit so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the honor
and glory of your holy name; through Je-
sus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (LBW p. 77)

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ
was given to die for you, and for his sake
God forgives you all your sins. To those who
believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to
become the children of God and bestows on
them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.** *(greet those around you)*

Those Who Trust in the Lord

Find the 36 bold words from Psalm 125:1-5 (ESV).

H E D I S A X H D W T S Y A W
A W A Y I L C A R S S S G M M
S R I G H T E O U S U N G E R
Z S X W E L N A B M R I L E E
I Q E R R G O S R P T A P V T
O P T N D E U R V S S T E I P
N S Z O D R V Q D U I N O L E
E R O M R E V E R O F U P D C
H G N O P U K E R A J O L O S
A T U R N P J C F O B M E E T
N N S T R A E H I O F I T R S
D E T T O L L A I W R N D S E
S T V C R O O K E D U T Z E R
M O V E D E M I T O E O H S S
T S E L A N D V M P E A C E K

Those who trust in the **LORD** are like Mount Zion, which
cannot be **moved**, but **abides forever**. As the **mountains**
surround Jerusalem, so the **LORD** surrounds his **people**, from
this time forth and **forevermore**. For the **scepter of wickedness**
shall not **rest** on the **land allotted** to the **righteous**, lest the
righteous stretch out their hands to do **wrong**. Do good, O
LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in
their **hearts!** But those who **turn aside** to their **crooked ways** the
LORD will **lead away with evildoers!** **Peace be upon Israel!**

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L: But those who turn to crooked ways the Lord
will banish with the evildoers.

C: **Peace be on Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-39 (Bible pp. 916-917)

(Please rise.)

GOSPEL TEXT: Matthew 13:44-52 (Bible p. 795)

(Please be seated.)

THE MESSAGE

(Please rise.)

APOSTLES' CREED: (LBW p. 65)

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

(Please be seated.)

OFFERTORY: "Majesty"

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Andy, Bob, Nate, Gabe, Eli, Scott, Sonja & her baby, Carol S., Tim S., Josh O., Mike R., Pat, Mary Jo, LeRoy, Mike, Pam, Shari, Norbert, Joan, Bill, Linda, Gladys, Michelle M., Steve, Rachel, Sid, and Dani.

For those suffering loss: Prayers for the family and friends of Bill Campbell, Vanessa Dougherty, Theresa Isaacson, and Kim Kocher. Prayers for Tanya and Smollar family upon loss of Theresa. Prayers for Shelley and Jeff upon loss of their father. Prayers for Wendy, Arthur, and their family upon loss of mother Cathie Goldsworthy.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday (July 27)

9:30 am Prayer Group

Tuesday (July 28)

6:00 pm Call Committee

Sunday (August 2)

9:00 am Worship

SERVING SCHEDULE

Week Beginning August 2, 2026

AV: Darran & Ava Lynch

ACOLYTE: Damon Lynch

GREETERS: Debbie Sillanpaa & Sue Peterson

USHERS: Sherre Faulkner & Kathy Leahy

READER: Sue Peterson

COMM ASST: Pam Novotnak

COUNTERS: David Baird & Dorothy Bush

LAWN MOWING: Darran Landenberger & David Lynch

Week Beginning August 9, 2026

AV: Kara Wallace

ACOLYTE: Dan King

GREETERS: Richard & Mary Mackenthun

USHERS: Bill & Stacy Diemel

READER: Cyndy King

COMM ASST: Lora Conrad

COUNTERS: Greg Bartz & Brad Mueller

LAWN MOWING: Bill Diemel & Brad Mueller

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Let us pray: God our Father...

C: You have given us all that we need. You did not even withhold Your only Son, but sent Him to rescue us. Receive these gifts we pray, as we offer not only what we have, but what we are, in grateful devotion for all that you are making us to be. Amen

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

(Please rise.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

(Please be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. We understand this to mean that Jesus is truly present with us in His body and blood through the bread and wine. We welcome all baptized adults and children who have been instructed to receive Holy Communion to share in the Lord's Supper.

(Help yourself to either wine (purple) or grape juice (white).
Children not yet receiving may come forward for a blessing.)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONG: "As the Deer"

(Please rise.)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

THE BLESSING:

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

SENDING SONG:

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (WOV #723)

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace and serve the King!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Fill the Bags - The local food pantry needs your help to continue providing for the hungry in our community. You can drop off your food donations in the church narthex or outside the church office at Prince of Peace. The Old Stone Pantry needs:
canned fruit applesauce Ramen noodles
canned soup canned pasta chili
condiments granola bars

Book Club - Join the Prince of Peace book club as they read Such Devoted Sisters by Eileen Goudge. The group will meet for discussion and fellowship on Wednesday, August 26 at 12:00 pm at the church. Feel free to bring your lunch!

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Pam Novotnak's 80th birthday.

ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

Attendance on 7/19/2026: 41

Received last week: \$1,543

Happy Birthday!

7/26 - Pam Novotnak

7/31 - Brad Mueller

Happy Anniversary!

7/30 - Andrew and Kara Wallace

8/1 - John and Sue Peterson